

FISCAL NOTE

TO: Chief Clerk of the Senate
Chief Clerk of the House

FROM: James A. Davenport, Executive Director

DATE: February 26, 1996

SUBJECT: **SB 2936 - HB 2966**

This bill, if enacted, will establish the Information Network of Tennessee to develop and implement a dial-in gateway system to provide access to public information by members of the public. The Network will be governed by a board of seven made up of the Governor, Secretary of State, Comptroller of the Treasury, State Treasurer, Commissioner of Finance and Administration, and the Speakers of the House and Senate.

The board is to hire a network manager to oversee the operation of the network to improve citizen and business access to public information. All state agencies are to cooperate with the network and may contract to recover any costs incurred. The board is also authorized to accept gifts, grants and donations for the operation of the gateway system in Tennessee.

The fiscal impact of this bill is estimated to increase state expenditures for system changes to implement the network and to contract for the services of a network manager. The amount of increase cannot be determined but is estimated to exceed \$100,000. The fiscal

impact is also estimated to increase state revenues from donations and gifts. The amount of increase cannot be determined but is estimated to be less than \$100,000. This is based upon the assumption that fees will not be charged to subscribers.

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "James A. Davenport". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized initial "J".

James A. Davenport, Executive Director